AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at pg. 3, lines 27 to pg. 4, line 2, in the English translation incorporating amendments attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report, as follows:

Figure 1 shows, at 10, a tube intended to form a sheath of a superconducting wire, ~~called~~ particularly well suited to be used as an internal sheath. Typically, this tube has an outside diameter of 20 mm and inside diameter of 17 mm. Its length may range from 1 to 3 m. Such a tube, once filled with superconducting material, is intended to be drawn down to a diameter of about 1.5 mm. It will then be combined with other identical wires into a bundle inside an external sheath in order to form a superconducting bundle which will, in turn, be drawn down to a diameter of about 1.5 mm, in order to form a cable or, after rolling, a multifilament tape. The multiple sheathing process may optionally be carried out in several steps by making use of at least one intermediate sheath. In this case, the structure of the intermediate sheath is the same as that of the internal sheath.